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MEDICAID ALERT

TO: Mental Health and Rehabilitation Clinics (MHRC)

SUBJECT: Community Support Services Credentialing; Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Policy Reminder

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) released a Medicaid Bulletin April 13, 2015, outlining new Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) policy changes effective July 1, 2015, for private RBHS/Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Medicaid providers rendering Community Support Services. The policy allows a staff person with less than a bachelor's degree employed by a RBHS/TFC organization to provide Community Support Services (CCS) to children and adolescents who are referred to TFCs by state agencies.

Below is the process for state agencies and private RBHS/TFC providers on the process of referring and providing CSS to children and adolescents in a TFC placement utilizing a staff person with less than a bachelor's degree. Referrals are for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries (ages 0 to 21):

1. State agencies must complete the RBHS referral form signed by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA).
2. State agencies must send the completed and signed RBHS referral form to:
 - the private RBHS/TFC provider; AND
 - SCDHHS
 - To: DRAYTOND@scdhhs.gov and cc: Behavioralhealth@scdhhs.gov
3. When the beneficiary is discharged from the TFC placement, state agencies must notify SCDHHS:
 - To: DRAYTOND@scdhhs.gov and cc: Behavioralhealth@scdhhs.gov

Unless otherwise noted, this change, along with the updates noted in the April 13, 2015, bulletin, Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Changes, are effective July 1, 2015.

Please contact the Division of Behavioral Health at (803) 898.2565 for any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.